

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 are all the claims pending in the present application, new claim 28 having been added as indicated herein. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 24-27 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-23 are provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 (statutory double patenting) as allegedly claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-23 of co-pending Application No.: 10/338,526, hereinafter referred to as USSN'526.

**§ 101 Double Patenting rejection**

Claims 1-23 stand provisionally rejected for statutory type (35 U.S.C. § 101) double patenting of the "same invention". The Examiner asserts that claims 1-23 are directed to the same invention as recited in claims 1-23 of USSN'526, respectively.

Applicant is presently considering the future of USSN'526 and respectfully requests that the Examiner hold the present rejections of claims 1-23 in abeyance. In the event that USSN'526 is abandoned in the future, Applicant submits that the present rejections of claims 1-23 would be moot.<sup>1</sup>

New claim 28 corresponds to independent claim 1, except new claim 28 recites "accumulator" instead of "accumulating means."

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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<sup>1</sup> Claims 4, 12, 14, 15-18, and 20 are amended, as indicated herein, for clarification purposes.

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
**U. S. Application No. 10/607,215**

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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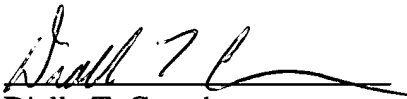
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